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Membership & Discipleship

Pastor Kevin Hopkins

I recently preached about the difference between Membership and Discipleship. In the New Testament Jesus' followers are all referred to as "disciples". That term requires commitment and sacrifice. Jesus leaves his disciples with the great commission in Matthew 28:19; "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations". Christ does not say, "go therefore and make members". Becoming a member is the first step on the road to discipleship. A member takes vows of

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness in the church. A Disciple commits to practice daily the 5 pathways of Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness.

Jesus calls us all to be disciples. After several months of vibrant discussion at Church Council meetings, I am so excited that the council recently took action to form a Stewardship Committee. We are all called to be good stewards of our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. And with

that in mind, this newly formed Stewardship Committee will be intentionally and prayerfully leading us to deeper discipleship. Throughout the year we will be focusing on the 5 pathways and how they impact our daily lives. The Stewardship Committee will be working in cooperation with the Finance Committee and this newly formed committee will be referred to as the Stewardship/Finance Committee. Please add them to your daily prayer list as they seek to a lead to deeper pathways of faith.



What are your dinner plans on Wednesday evenings?

Join us for our Wonderful Wednesday Meal each Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm. Bring a potluck dish to share.

You don't have to be a choir member or Wonderful Wednesday children's program participant to join us! Everyone is welcome for good food and great fellowship.

We hope you'll plan to make the Wonderful Wednesday Meal part of your week!

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Prayer Concerns:

- Doris Brownson
- Rebecca Brownson
- Todd Brownson
- Bradley Ragsdale
- Wayne and Kathy Sadowsky and family



Our purpose:

*"We are a Church of the Ages,
Serving the Present Age by making
Disciples of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of our community
and world"*

Our vision:

*Being a spiritually dynamic, outward
focused United Methodist
Congregation enlivened by
passionate worship, equipped
discipleship and compassionate
service.*



Sermon Series

New Sermon Series “11”

Starting September 11th, I began a new sermon series based on a book by Leonard Sweet, 11 Indispensable (Biblical) Relationships You Can't Be Without. Every week I will be sharing the story of a Biblical character and how they are relevant for our lives today. The Youth Group and Kingdom Express will be studying these same people from the Bible.

I invite you to come with an open spirit as we think about these ancient people and how they are important for our lives today.

The sermon series is listed below. I invited you to read ahead in your Bibles each week as we take a look at these Biblical figures and how they are relevant to our lives today. I look forward to sharing these stories of faith with you each week.

Take Care and God Bless,
Pastor Kevin

September 18 ---Jonathan (David's Friend)

1 Samuel 20:12-17

Jonathan was a true friend to David. We all need a true friend.

September 25 ---Jethro (Moses Father-in-law)

Exodus 4:18

Jethro pushes us out the door, keeps our feet to the fire.

October 2 --- Timothy (A Protégé of Paul)

Communion Sunday

2 Timothy 3:10-11

We are all treading in someone's footsteps, who is treading in ours?

October 9 – Barnabas, A great encourager

Acts 9: 26-27

We all need a Barnabas to encourage us in our daily walk with God

October 16 – Debora

Judges 4:4-9, 14

We need a protector, someone to cover our backs

October 23rd - Youth Group Sunday

October 30 – Peter and Paul, (We need a Yoda)

1 Timothy 17-21

We need a wisdom filled Master. Maybe “hands-off Peter” or “hands on Paul” depending on our own personality learning style.

November 6 – Zaccheus

Luke 19-1-10

We need a reject. We occasionally need to hang out with people that no one else wants to –out of our comfort zone.

November 13 – Rhoda

Acts 12: 12-15

We need child-like faith. Someone to point out the obvious to us

November 20 – Lydia and Lazarus, Rich and Poor

Acts 16

We need friends from all circles

November 27th - Jerusalem and Bethlehem (1st Sunday of Advent)

Revelation 21: 1-5

We all need a place to go for refuge, rest, renewal. We need a spiritual home base.



Did you know?



The Media Team is searching for more members for their team. Our Media Team runs the media on Sunday mornings. There is a rotation schedule between team members. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Amy in the church office at 682-5374 or email fumclvks@sbcglobal.net. Thank you, in advance, for responding to this need.

Confirmation

Mollie Foster, our director of Youth Ministry, will be starting Confirmation classes on Sunday, September 25th, during the Sunday School hour. Confirmation is a class preparing our youth for church membership and publicly declaring their own faith.

Confirmation is for grades 7th and above. The students will be confirmed on January 22nd, 2012. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Mollie at 682-5374 or by email at molliefoster@sbcglobal.net.

Safe and Sacred Spaces Training Sept 24th
We will have Safe and Sacred Spaces Training class on Saturday, September 24th from 9:00 am - 12 pm in the Education Building. This training is required by the Kansas East Conference for all those individuals age 18 or older working with children, youth, or handicapped adults within our church. Forms for the classes may be picked up from Amy in the church office.

THE LOST ART OF NOODLEMAKING!!!

Ever wanted to learn how to make home-made noodles???? Join Friends of Jesus Circle on Monday, September 26th in Fellowship Hall any time after 5 PM. Bring a dozen eggs and/or a 5 lb bag of flour. We will be making these yummy noodles for our annual UMW Noodle Luncheon to be held in October.

This is a great mother/daughter time. If you can't make it that evening, there will also be a daytime session on Monday, October 10th starting at 9 AM. If you can't be at either session but are available the following day, we'll need help bagging the dried noodles for freezing.



Missions Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendar for our 6th annual Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast...coming your way Sunday, October 2nd. Pancakes will be served from 9:45 am - 12:45 pm. Once again the Mission Team is sponsoring the breakfast, and all proceeds will go to the McCurdy Mission Trip. The tickets will be available for pre-sale before and after both services, or you may buy your tickets at the door. The pre-sale does help us have an idea about numbers, so we do appreciate you buying tickets early if you know for sure you are going to attend. The price of adult tickets is \$6.00, Children under 10 will eat for \$4.00.



CROP WALK IS COMING

Sunday, October 9th at 2pm is our community's annual Crop Walk. This walk is in support of the fight against world hunger, and we want you to participate as a walker or as a donor who contributes to those who walk for us. It's easy to help and much help is required.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex for pledging to support a walker. So, plan on signing-up and making your pledge payment before or after one of the Sunday services. If you have questions, call David French at (913) 364-5106 or Daryl Brandt at (913) 683-9457.



"I'm a perfect little angel while I'm asleep, Sir. It's being awake that gives me trouble."

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age by making disciples for the
transformation of the world!

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leavenworthfirst.org

1st United Methodist Church of Leavenworth
will honor all Octogenarians
With a Special Luncheon and Entertainment by



⌘ *Burl Ives* ⌘

Depicted by Historical Performer Bob Spear

On Sunday, September 25th

At 12:15 PM In Fellowship Hall.

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RSVP to the Church Office At 682-5374  
Not Later Than Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Please let us know if you'll need transportation  
to and/or home from the Church.*

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